

Arts by the lakes

One of the first events to take place in the county after lockdown was the three-day Dorset Arts Festival at Sculpture by the Lakes, near Tincleton, on the first weekend in July. Redesigned with social distancing in mind, the festival was able to take full advantage of its outdoor location. About 1800 visitors watched as paintings were created, pots were thrown, and jewellery was crafted, alongside a range of other arts and crafts disciplines from more than 40 exhibitors. The event was organised by Simon and Monique Gudgeon, owners of Sculpture by the Lakes, and represents a continuation of their long history of supporting and celebrating artists and makers from across the region and beyond.



A busy scene at the Dorset Arts Festival



One of the pod of dolphins apparently attracted by the cruise ships parked in Weymouth Bay

Dolphin ship-spotters

Much publicity was given during lockdown to the large number of temporarily unemployed cruise ships furloughed in Weymouth Bay. At one time, the entire P&O fleet was at anchor there, and the Cunarder, MS *Queen Victoria*, became a familiar sight to the many people who visited to enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime view of the bay. But it was not only sightseers: a pod of three bottlenose dolphins arrived at about the same time as the cruise ships. Danny has lived around Portland Marina for nearly two years now and more recently, Harry and Wills arrived and are living around Portland Port. Now there is this new little pod of bottlenoses living in the bay around the cruise fleet.

Champion governors

Bryanston School has become the first independent school to be recognised as a School Governor Champion by Inspiring Governance, a national and charitable organisation supported and funded by the Department for Education. Members of staff at Bryanston have become governors at Gillingham Primary School, William Barnes Primary School, Matravers Secondary School in Westbury, Weymouth College, Cheselbourne Village School and Stower Provost Community School. The school is happy to encourage this trend because it is a win-win for all parties: as well as applying their own skills and experience to support a local school, being a governor helps individuals to develop fresh skills and to gain new insight and experience that will benefit their work at Bryanston.



Eileen Brocklehurst, the Inspiring Governance Regional Manager, presents Bryanston's Charlotte Willis-Clarke with the School Governor Champion certificate, watched by some of the Bryanston staff who have become governors of local schools